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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS, CYPRUS

1. THREE STORIES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST--TOW CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY ANDA THE THIRD DEALING WITH U.S. VIEW ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT--APPEARED IN SATURDAY (MAR. 15) EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS.

2. MASS-CIRCULATION HURRIYET REPORTED IN A FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER SADI IRMAK THAT SECREATARY KSSINGER HAD ASKED FOR A MONTH'S TIME TO GAIN THE RESUMPTION OF AID TO TURKEY. ACCORDING TO HURRIYET, IRMAK DECLARED IN THE INTERVIEW, "AFTER WAITING FOR ONE MONTH, WE WILL PUT INTO EFFECT THE MEASURES WE ARE GOING TO TAKE." HE ADDED THAT "WHATEVER GOVERNMENT MAY COME TO POWER, IF AMERICAN AID IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT RESUMED, A REVIEW OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN NATO WILL BE A

DEFINITE NECESSITY." AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, IRMAK REPORTEDLY SAID, ZHE (KISSINGER) SAID THAT THERE IS A PROBABILITY APPROACHING CERTAINTY THAT THE AID WILL BE RESUMED BY THE TIME HE REUTRNS TO TURKEY IN MAY. WE WANT TO VELIEVE THIS. THERE IS A TREND IN AMERICA FAVORABLE TO A RECTIFICATION OF THIS MISTAKE..."

3. HURRIYET'S SATURDAY EDITION ALSO CARRIED A TOP FRONT-PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IN SUNDAY (MAR.16) EDITIONS IT WILL "DISCLOSE" THE AMERICAN-TURKISH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

4. IN A OTHER STORY CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS, LEFT-WING YENI ORTAM REPORTED IN AN ANKA NEWS SERVICE DATELINED STORY THAT SOME INSTALLATIONS MIGHT BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY PENDING A RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN AID. THE PAPER SAID THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AFTER DISCUSSION IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. ACCORDING TO THE UNATTRIBUTED REPORT, THE PIRINCLIK RADAR INSTALLATION NEAR DIYARBAKIR WOULD BE MAONG THE FIRST TO BE TEMPORARILY SHUTDOWN.

5. CONCERNING U.S. VIEWS ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, MILLIYET REPORTED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN BROUGHT TO THENS A "KISSINGER PLAN" CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF TWO TURKISH CANTONS ON THE ISLAND, ONE CENTERED ON OMORPHO AND THE OTHER ON PAPHOS. THE SCHEME WOULDLL "LEAVE 26 PERCENT OF THE NORTH OF CYPRUS UNDER TURKISH CONTROL." THE MILLIYET STORY WAS ATTRIBUTED TO "WIRE SERVICE REPORTS" BASED IN TURN ON "LEAKS" IN ATHENS.

6. IN ADDITION TO THESE STORIES IN HE TURKISH LANGUAGE PRESS, THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ANKARA PAPER DAILY NEWS CARRIED A LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR KAMURAN INAN, WHO IS TO GO TO THE U.S. SATURDAY (MAR. 15) TO ATTEND A MEETING OF A NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE. INANA TOLD THE DAILY NEWS THAT A MAJOR PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP WOULD BE TO EXPLAIN THE TURKISH POINT OF VIEW OF THE AID CUT-OFF TO U.S. CONGRESSMEN.
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